

## Old Ironsides Designation

Soon after the activation of the 1st Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky, on 15 July 1940, our first commander, Major General Bruce R. Magruder, began searching for an appropriate nickname for the division. From a painting of the *U.S.S. Constitution* he noted the ship's nickname, Old Ironsides. Impressed with the parallel between the early development of the tank and the Navy's Old Ironsides; symbolizing the spirit of daring and durability, he decided the 1st Armored Division should also be named Old Ironsides. Thus a famous warship of the U.S. Navy and the famous 1st Armored Division of the U.S. Army, both historic symbols of democracy, are historically and appropriately welded by the same name, Old Ironsides.

After many years of using the name Old Ironsides, the Department of the Army officially recognized the designation on 19 August 1963.

### Dignity and Respect!



U.S.S. Constitution/Old Ironsides, Boston Harbor, 2000

**Patriotism, Discipline, Readiness, Self-Sacrifice**

# Iron Soldier March/Army Song

## Iron Soldier March

Iron Soldiers  
Old Ironsides  
1st Armored Division  
Honor and Pride

Guarding Freedom  
We're Proud to be  
America's Tank Force  
Steel Victory

With That Iron Patch  
Worn on My Sleeve  
I Follow Those Who  
Fought for Liberty

Always Ready  
For Peace we Strive  
Iron Soldiers  
Old Ironsides

All Iron Soldiers are expected to stand and sing the "Iron Soldier March" and the "Army Song" at division ceremonies.

## The Army Song

First to Fight for the Right,  
and to Build the Nation's Might,  
and the Army goes Rolling Along.  
Proud of all we have done,  
Fighting 'till the Battle's Won,  
and the Army goes Rolling Along.  
Then it's HI! HI! HEY!  
The Army's on its way.  
Count off the Cadence Loud and Strong!  
For Where'er we Go,  
You will Always know that  
The Army goes Rolling Along.

# Code of Conduct/General Orders

## Code of Conduct For Members of the Armed Forces of the United States

1. "I am an American fighting soldier. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life in their defense."
2. "I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender my soldiers while they still have the means to resist."
3. "If I am captured, I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy."
4. "If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action, which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way."
5. "When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause."
6. "I will never forget that I am an American fighting soldier, responsible for my actions and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

## General Orders

1. I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved.
2. I will obey my special orders and perform all my duties in a military manner.
3. I will report violations of my special orders, emergencies and anything not covered in my instructions to the commander of the relief.

# Army Values

**Loyalty:** Bear true faith and allegiance to the United States Constitution, the Army, your unit and your fellow soldiers.

1. Loyalty to the Constitution is not only your support and defense of the nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic, but your readiness and willingness to fight for the American ideals of freedom and justice.
2. Loyalty to the Army requires your support of the military and civilian chain of command.
3. Loyalty to the Unit and Fellow Soldiers is the obligation between those who lead and the led, and the shared commitment among soldiers for one another.

**Duty:** Fulfill your obligations.

1. Duty is a legal or moral obligation to do what should be done without being told to do it.
2. Duty means accomplishing all assigned tasks to the fullest of your ability.
3. Duty requires willingness to accept full responsibility for your actions and for your soldiers' performance.

**Respect:** Treat people as they should be treated; be up front with your soldiers and tell it like it is and give them the dignity and respect they deserve.

**Selfless-service:** Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, the unit and your subordinates before your own.

**Honor:** Live up to all the Army values; honor them through your courage, candor, commitment and competence you display every day.

**Integrity:** Do what's right, legally and morally; it means being honest and upright, avoiding deception, and living the values you suggest for your subordinates.

**Personal Courage:** Face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral):

1. Physical courage is overcoming fears of bodily harm and doing your duty.
2. Moral courage is the courage to stand firm on your values, your moral principles and your convictions.

## Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer

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No one is more professional than I. I am a Noncommissioned Officer, a leader of soldiers. As a Noncommissioned Officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as **“The Backbone of the Army.”**

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will, at all times, conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the Military Service and my country, regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or my position to attain pleasure, profit or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind: Accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my soldiers. I will strive to remain tactically and technically proficient. I am aware of my role as a Noncommissioned Officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my soldiers and will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both awards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve: Seniors, peers and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget, that we are professionals, Non-commissioned Officers, leaders!

## The Iron Pact

1. **Purpose:** I know that as an Iron Soldier, I am expected to conduct myself in such a manner that reflects favorably upon myself, the 1st Armored Division and the United States Army.
2. **Iron Soldiers' Responsibilities:**
  - a. Treat others with dignity and respect and do not tolerate or engage in sexual, racial or other types of discrimination or harassment.
  - b. Be technically and tactically proficient.
  - c. Obey all lawful orders.
  - d. Be present at the prescribed place, on time, in the proper uniform, looking sharp and prepared to excel.
  - e. Maintain proper height/weight standards or be within body fat standards.
  - f. Maintain proper appearance, stay in great shape not portraying an appearance of being overweight or obese.
  - g. The division goal is for companies to maintain a company Army Physical Fitness Test average of 250 with no failures. Maintain a proper level of physical conditioning and pass the APFT.
  - h. Maintain weapons qualification on your assigned individual and crew-served weapons. Know clearing and loading procedures, immediate action, stoppage, or misfire procedures for all individual and crew-served weapons used by each individual soldier and their assigned supervisors. Know mechanical functions, firing techniques and capabilities of your assigned weapons. The division goal for battalions is all soldiers qualified with their individual weapon with 50% qualifying expert.
  - i. Know and use your chain of command and NCO support channel.

## The Iron Pact continued

### 3. Ironland Command Responsibilities:

- a. This command has the responsibility to take care of Iron Soldiers and their families. This is accomplished by ensuring their records are maintained properly, their pay is timely and adequate housing is provided. Their religious, medical, recreational and educational needs must also be met. Commanders will ensure Iron Soldiers and families are treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
  - b. The chain of command will give safety instructions as a part of all activities and will vigorously enforce safety standards. Proper risk assessments will be conducted prior to all activities and events.
  - c. Iron leaders will know their soldiers, teach, coach and mentor them to achieve standards.
4. **Iron Soldier Readiness:** All soldiers of the 1st Armored Division, America's Tank Division, must be prepared to deploy anywhere in the world. It is your responsibility as an Iron Soldier to be technically and tactically proficient in order to accomplish your mission. Train in peacetime as hard as you have to fight in wartime. Be a leader and take the initiative; that is what sets our Army apart from all others. Do the right thing and always take care of your soldiers.

**I Will Be Loyal to Those With Whom I Serve**

## Soldier Deployment Readiness

1. All soldiers are expected to be ready to deploy with little advance notice. To meet this demand, all soldiers must keep the following items current at all times.
  - a. ID Card: Must be correct and serviceable at all times.
  - b. ID Tags: Must be correct and worn when engaged in field training, traveling in aircraft and when outside the United States. **ID tags and the Army Values tag are the only authorized items to be worn on the ID tag chains. When applicable to the soldier, the medical condition warning tags will also be worn.**
  - c. Emergency Data: Correct emergency data records as soon as a change occurs.
  - d. Wills: Wills and powers of attorney must be kept current and correct. If you need or want to change a will or power of attorney, contact the Legal Assistance Office.
  - e. Family Support Groups: Paragraph 2-5c, AR 215-1 establishes the requirement for Family Support Groups. Ensure your family members, whether residing in the command or not, are aware of your unit's Family Support Group. These groups provide vital support and services to family members during deployments.
  - f. Dental: Soldiers are required to have annual dental checks to stay deployable. Any dental condition likely to cause dental emergency (Category 3 and 4) must be treated to make the soldier deployable.
  - g. Family Care Plans: With the frequency and duration of deployments increasing, our unit cannot afford to have a soldier become non-deployable because of an unworkable family care plan. It is the soldier's and commander's responsibilities to ensure all paperwork is complete, and all leaders need to subject each plan to a common sense test. It is not fair to the soldier, the unit or to the Army to have this program improperly managed.
  - h. HIV and TB Scan: Must be updated annually.
  - g. DNA and Panorex: Copies of both should be annotated in dental and medical records annually.

**My Two Basic Responsibilities Will Always  
Be Mission and Soldiers**



# Iron Standards

## Personal Appearance

### 1. Responsibility:

- a. Each Iron Soldier is responsible for maintaining a sharp, soldierly appearance. For example, hands in pockets, poorly fitted uniforms, and improperly worn equipment do not represent a professional appearance and do not meet Iron Standards.
- b. Each soldier, NCO and officer has the personal responsibility to enforce and maintain the standards outlined here and in AR 670-1. Tactful on-the-spot corrections will be made.

### 2. General: Soldiers must project a professional military image that leaves no doubt that they live by a common standard and adhere to the military standards of good order and discipline.

### 3. Wear of the Uniform: Your uniform identifies you as a member of the United States Army and the 1st Armored Division. Wear it with pride. Soldiers within the Division may wear only those items prescribed by AR 670-1 or contained in current authorization documents as authorized uniforms, accessories and insignia. Wearing a combination of civilian and military clothing is prohibited, unless prescribed in AR 670-1, authorization documents approved by HQDA or this 1st Armored Division pamphlet.

- a. **Uniform Appearance:** Soldiers ensure articles such as wallets, checkbooks, combs, keys, pens, etc. do not protrude from the pockets or present a bulky appearance. Hanging of key chains, wallet chains, etc. from the belt or belt loops is not authorized. Soldiers will not place their hands in their pockets except momentarily to place or retrieve objects. A pen or pencil may be exposed on the hospital/food-service, CVC and flight uniforms. Male soldiers are not authorized to carry or use an umbrella while in uniform at any time. Female soldiers will not carry or use the umbrella when in the utility uniform. Commercial rucksacks, gym bags or like articles may be worn over one shoulder while in uniform. These articles may be worn over both shoulders when riding a bicycle or motorcycle. **All items worn on the shoulder must be black or a camouflage pattern with no logos.** In a field environment, the map case may be carried over the shoulder. The issued rucksack and NBC bag will only be worn on the shoulders when used for their intended purpose. **All items worn over the shoulder must be BLACK OR CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN WITH NO LOGOS AND NO WORDING.** This policy amends the policy stated in paragraph 1-10d, AR 670-1, dated 1 Sep 92.

b. **The Duty Uniform:** AR 670-1 prescribes uniforms for wear. The following paragraphs summarize portions of the regulation.

- (1) The Battle Dress Uniform (BDU), temperate or hot weather, is the authorized uniform for wear year-round. The uniform consists of the jacket and trousers, highly shined boots, green or black socks, black belt with open face buckle, brown T-shirt, approved winter undershirts and the black beret/BDU hat. Female soldiers are authorized to carry an approved handbag while in garrison only. Commanders specify the uniform of the day to maintain uniformity.
- (2) Pressing and starching the BDU is authorized. This is appropriate for special occasions when appearance should be especially sharp, such as parades, reviews, inspections and other ceremonial activities. The BDU is designed to fit loosely; alterations to make them form fitting are not authorized. Keep uniforms free of holes and tears and keep them buttoned, zipped and snapped. Creases sewn into any uniform are not authorized.
- (3) T-shirts: All soldiers wear the brown T-shirt with the BDU. White T-shirts are worn with service, dress, mess, hospital and food-service uniforms.
- (4) Two identification tags **and the Army Values tag** will be worn around the neck (except when safety considerations apply), beneath the T-shirt on long and short chains. These tags should be worn when engaged in field training, traveling on aircraft, and when in uniform or on duty outside the United States. **When applicable to the soldier, the medical condition warning tags will be worn.**
- (5) Sewn items on the uniform will be machine sewn, not hand sewn. Soldiers will have their insignia of rank sewn on the Kevlar helmet cover.
- (6) Subdued items, i.e., belt buckles, belt tips and insignia of rank are kept subdued (black).
- (7) Sleeves, when worn rolled up, must have the camouflage pattern exposed. Sleeves are rolled neatly two folds, no more than three inches above the elbow. If worn down, soldiers will button the cuffs of the sleeve. Do not roll up sleeves on flight and armor crewman NOMEX suits while performing crew duties. Do not roll up sleeves when wearing LCE and Kevlar helmet unless participating in a ceremony.

Always Set the Standard